

VS Form 4-54 Brucellosis Test Record

Market Cattle Testing Program

This form is used when cattle and bison are being brucellosis tested at a livestock market, sale, or other market. It is also used when cattle are being tested at a slaughtering establishment.

This document is intended to give guidance on how to complete VS Form 4-54. Recognize that these are not official directions and forms change over time. If you have any questions regarding how to complete this form, contact your VS Area Office. A properly completed form is critical to assure proper compliance.

STATE: State where the market cattle testing is taking place.

SAMPLES DRAWN AT: Check appropriate box: “LIVESTOCK MARKETS” or “SLAUGHTER ESTAB”.

ESTAB. NUMBER: Provide the unique number assigned to each establishment (slaughterhouse or livestock market). These numbers can be obtained from the VS Area Office in your state.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PLACE WHERE SAMPLES WERE DRAWN: Name and mailing address of the establishment where the samples were drawn from the animal(s).

CERTIFICATION: The accredited veterinarian signs this form certifying the samples listed below were collected and correctly identified.

DATE: Date that the accredited veterinarian drew the samples listed on this form.

TESTING LABORATORY AND TEST RESULTS: Leave this block blank. The testing laboratory will fill in this information and the test results.

TUBE NO: Instructions may vary depending on the laboratory, but the tube is numbered so it can be referenced to the blood drawn from a specific animal. The tubes are numbered sequentially giving a different number to each tube.

SALES TAG OR BRAND: Record the number of the sales tag or brand of the animal if appropriate.

BACK TAG NUMBER: Record the APHIS issued back tag number if appropriate.

EAR TAG NUMBER: Record the alphanumeric metal tag details and all other tags present.

VACC. TATTOO: List the present calfhood tattoo which is located in the right ear. Record all legible characters.

AGE: Age of the animal being tested and units such as “Y” for years and “M” for months; for example 3Y or 8M.

BREED: Use breed codes. See Breed Code Guide.

SEX: Indicate the sex of the animal (M – Male, F – Female, NM – Neutered Male, NF – Neutered Female).

LABORATORY RESULTS: The area where the laboratory reports the type of test performed and the results. If you are performing a screening test at the livestock market, you should enter the test results in the appropriate column.

COUNTY: List the county of **origin** of the cattle. If unknown, leave blank.

HERD OWNER'S NAME: List the name of the owner of the animal(s) being tested.

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ADDRESS: List the mailing address of the owner.

There is no continuation sheet for the VS Form 4-54. There is no page number block either. The sequential tube numbers serve as the page count.